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Colin Allred, U.S. Representative for District 32, visits the 544 Cafe at Wylie High School Wednesday, April 17. He met with students and adults to discuss various issues facing the district, and responded to questions and concerns.

Colin Allred meets with constituents

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After completing his first 100 days in office, U.S. Rep. Colin Allred paid Wylie a visit to hear citizen concerns and meet with school officials. He made an appearance at Wylie High School's 544 Cafe Wednesday, April 17. Rather than make a speech, he had personal conversations to discuss various issues. "We're trying to find common ground," he said. "I'm happy to be on the transportation and infrastructure com-

mittee so I can work on our infrastructure in Texas, and the veterans' affairs committee – I'm trying to take care of the folks who have served our country so well." He also serves on the foreign affairs committee. At last week's lunch, he met with high-ranking Wylie ISD officials to discuss the state of schools in the area. Allred's biggest priorities include making health care more affordable and improving infrastructure in north Texas. One specific project he mentioned was getting the high-speed railway between Dallas and Houston completed. The congressman, a Democrat representing District 32, was elected last November. Since taking office, he has authored three bills and sponsored 42 bills and 17 resolutions. He noted that he is excited that the Texas House increased teacher salaries. In his personal life, he and his wife welcomed their first child in February. "I love serving the community I grew up in," Allred, a Dallas native, said. "It's great. I'm really excited to be able to serve." All members of Congress are on an extended recess for the Easter holiday.



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Morgan Townsend, a Rowlett High School senior, enjoys taking care of the class guinea pig when she is not busy with her classes. She is enrolled in the GISD veterinary program.

Hands-on experience helps students

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with the dog being weighed. Next, students brush, bathe and dry it, trim the fur to the owner's preference and finish by clipping the nails. They also help keep customer records up to date. Having hands-on experience not only teaches participants about animal science; it also helps them determine whether veterinary medicine is a field they want to enter. This can save them time when they enter college. "I thought I wanted to be a vet, but now I don't," said Katya Uhrich, a senior at South Garland High School. Rowlett High School senior Morgan Townsend, on the other hand, learned that she wants to continue these studies. The class also gave her a chance to become a certified veterinary assistant through the Texas Veterinary Medical Association. Running the business themselves also helps develop communication skills. Laffoon has her students improve their customer service, both in person and over the phone. As long as they've taken the prerequisite courses, any GISD student can apply to be in the program. To schedule a grooming appointment, email barksnubbles@garlandisd.net. Dogs must be up to date on all their vaccinations.



Courtesy photo

Barks 'n Bubbles is a discount dog grooming service provided by Garland ISD veterinary students. Lizette Gamboa, left, helps bathe a pomeranian named Macy.

Former Olympian visits Sachse Chamber of Commerce

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A former U.S. Olympian paid Sachse's chamber of commerce a visit. Johnny Quinn, who competed with the bobsled team at the 2014 Winter Olympics, lives in McKinney. He also played football for the Buffalo Bills, Green Bay Packers and Saskatchewan Roughriders. His talk centered on overcoming obstacles and increasing leadership skills. Quinn also works at an in-

surance agency, has written a book and travels as a keynote speaker. Teachers of the month are Darla Robinson (Hudson Middle) and Erik Bushland (Sachse High). Terri Reyna was also recognized as Sachse High's paraprofessional of the year. The chamber declared Cheslie DeMaio ambassador of the month and Charles W. Smith and Sons Funeral Home business of the month. Chairman Barry Young welcomed guests to the event, Tom Withrow of North Pointe Church of Christ led the invocation and pledge and Molly Hall gave the monthly news. For the 11th year in a row, the chamber will host Men Who Cook. The event, scheduled for Friday, May 10, gives men in the community a chance to show off their cooking skills. Tickets are \$15 or \$25 for two. To sign up to cook or to buy tickets, call the chamber at 972-496-1212. The event will be held at Woodbridge Golf Club. The next luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 14 at Woodbridge Golf Club.

Four separate camps to be held

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25 middle school students. Sgt. James Wills reported that all four camps have filled up the past three years. Kids will learn about forensics, detection, games and various aspects of public safety, and will conclude with a field trip to InSync Exotics in Wylie. Adults can get just as in-

involved. Anyone who is a high school student or older may serve as a volunteer, as long as they complete a background check. High schoolers also need to submit two recommendation letters from teachers. Volunteers will help with check-in, cleaning, setting up and leading activities, and chaperoning. Registration, both for volun-

teers and potential campers, is available online at cityofsachse.com/491/Cops-and-Campers. Cops and Campers helped the police department win the City Spirit Award from the Texas Municipal League in October 2018. "This helps bridge the gap between law enforcement and youth," Wills said. "It lets youth learn they can trust police officers and lets them have a bit of fun."

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Sachse High School – Erik Bushland, Teacher of the Month
Sachse High School – Terri Reyna, Paraprofessional of the Year

Ambassador of the Month
Cheslie DeMaio

Business of the Month
Charles W. Smith and Sons Funeral Home

The Sachse Chamber of Commerce presents the 11th Annual

MEN WHO COOK

Friday, May 10, 2019
6:30 pm to 9:00 pm
Woodbridge Golf Club
7400 Country Club Drive, Wylie

"Celebrity Chefs" share their famous recipes with guests!

WHO ARE CELEBRITY CHEFS?

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Sponsor a chef and your business name will be displayed at your chef's serving table, in the event program, and on the Chamber Facebook page. You will also receive 2 guest tickets to the event—and bragging rights if your chef wins! Other sponsorships are available as well. See the Chamber website for details.

INDIVIDUAL GUEST \$15

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